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Attorney Docket No. 4632-74

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Minoru Hirata et al.) Group Art Unit: To be Assigned
Application No.: 10/591,166) Examiner: To be Assigned
Filed: August 30, 2006)
For: Method and Apparatus for Molding) Confirmation No.: To be Assigned
an Upper and a Lower Mold Having)
No Flask)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed for the consideration of the Examiner in connection with the prosecution of this case is a copy of a Search Report issued in the corresponding international patent application together with a copy of the cited reference.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. §609, for the relevance of the Japanese patent publication, please refer to the English language version of the Search Report which indicates the relevance of this reference. An abstract in English is also provided for this reference.

Also enclosed is a copy of JP 62-16736 with English abstract cited and discussed on page 1 of the application. It corresponds to U.S. 4,463,794. A Form PTO/SB/08 listing three references is attached to this Statement.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge such fee to our deposit account 06-0916.

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U.S. PATENTS AND PUBLISHED U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation ⁴
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
/K.L./	JP 82-16736		04-14-1987	Toyoda Automatic Loom Works		X-Abstract
/K.L./	JP 3-243243		10-30-1991	Sintokogio Ltd.		X-Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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